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1. [redacted] in August 1953 [redacted] an underground POL dump was being constructed for the Bulgarian Air Force near Provadiya (N 43-11, E 27-27). The purpose of the dump was to store benzene, kerosene, and oil. The benzene was to be used for piston-driven aircraft after ethylization.

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[redacted] kerosene and oil would be mixed there for use by jet (reaktivni) aircraft.

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2. The POL dump was completed in August 1953 with the exception of the ethylization station (see Enclosure B). [redacted] the project had been started in about 1951 and would be completed by the end of 1953.
3. An unknown number of Bulgarian Army construction troops worked as the labor force under a Czech construction engineer, Zamrazil, who represented the Prague firm of HEFA. These troops lived in nearby wooden barracks.
4. Because the project was not yet operative, no security system was in force at the time [redacted]
5. All electrical equipment at the site, including ventilation motors, wiring, and lamps, was hermetically sealed and insulated to prevent short circuiting or static electricity. Personnel entering the underground tank area wore rubber-soled shoes.

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3 Enclosures

- Encl. A - Overlay on [redacted] SHUMEN, Scale 1:250,000
- Encl. B - [redacted] sketch of underground POL Dump
- Encl. C - [redacted] sketch of construction details of an underground cistern

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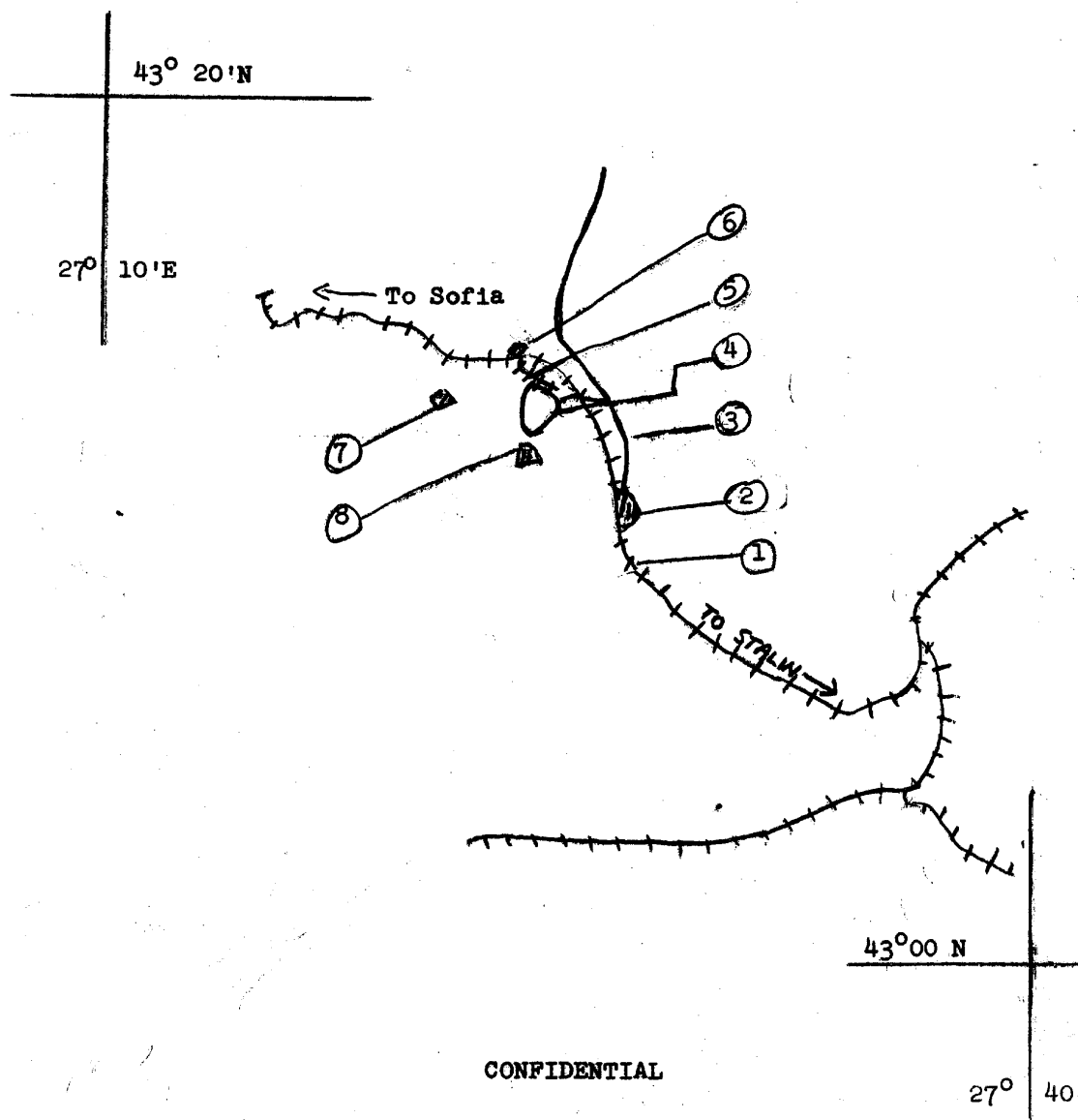
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Overlay on

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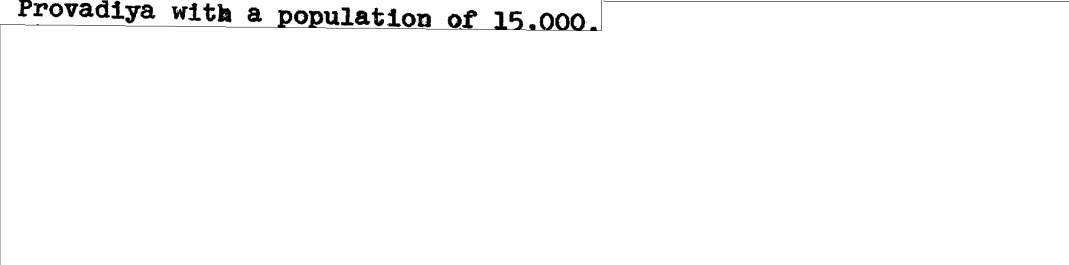
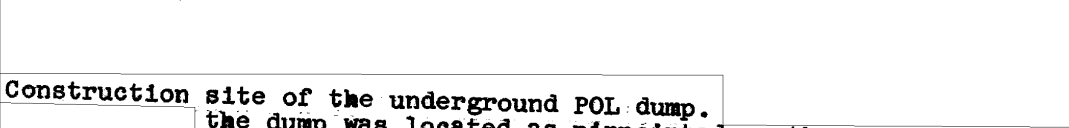
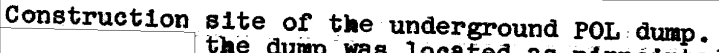
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Legend to Enclosure A

1. Single Rail-line to Stalin (formerly Varna).
2. Provadiya with a population of 15,000. 25X1

3. A road in good condition, four to five meters wide with a stone foundation.

4. Construction site of the underground POL dump.

the dump was located as pinpointed on the overlay, 12 km. from Provadiya and about two kilometers south of the Ven chana railroad station, according to their motorcycle driver.
5. A railroad spur which branched off the main Sofia-Stalin railroad and lead to the POL construction site and nearby gravel quarry.
6. Ven chana railroad station, located about two kilometers north of the POL dump.
7. Ravna, a small village.
8. Krivnya, a small village.

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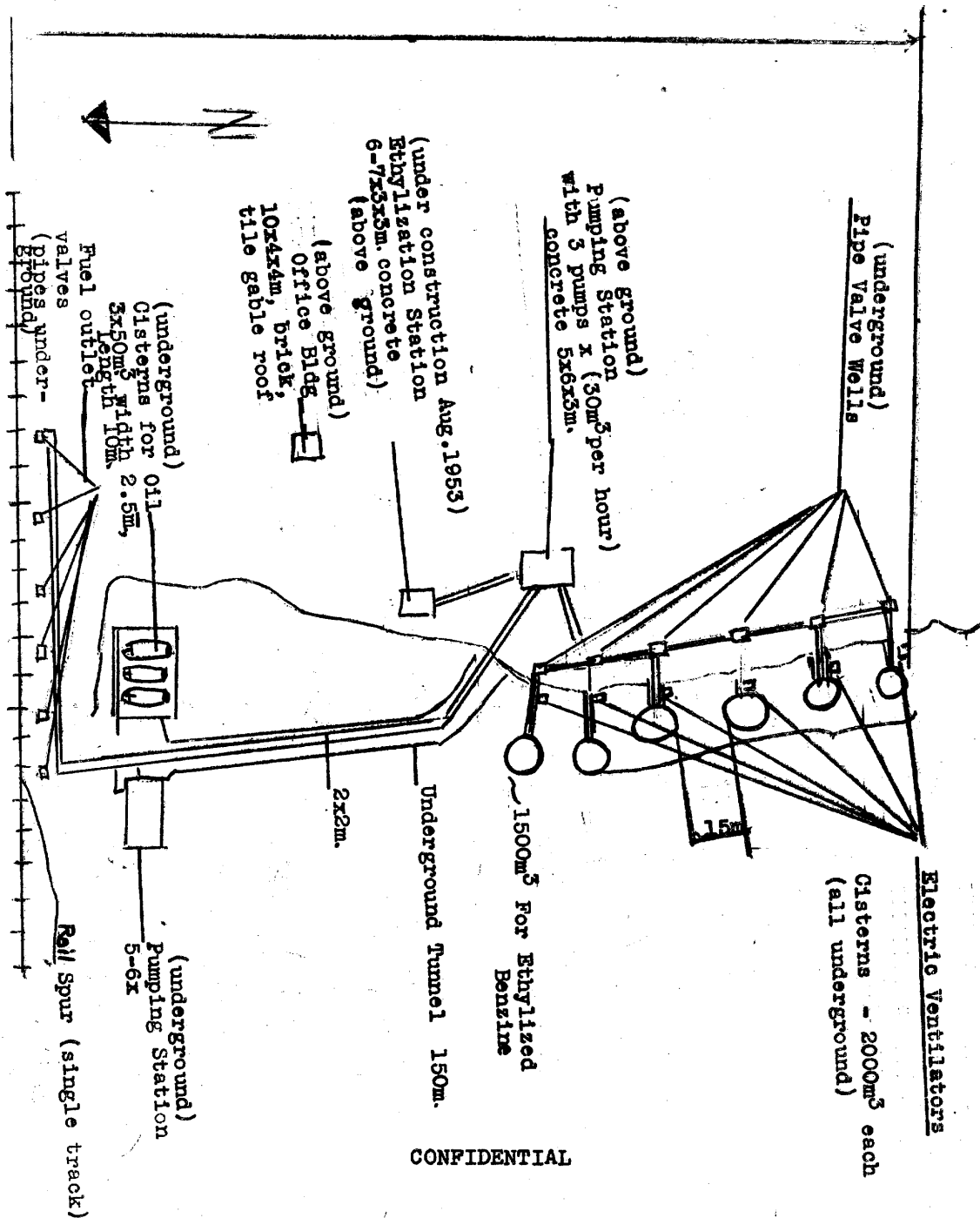
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Enclosure B

Sketch of underground POL dump
based on original plans shown
at the construction site.

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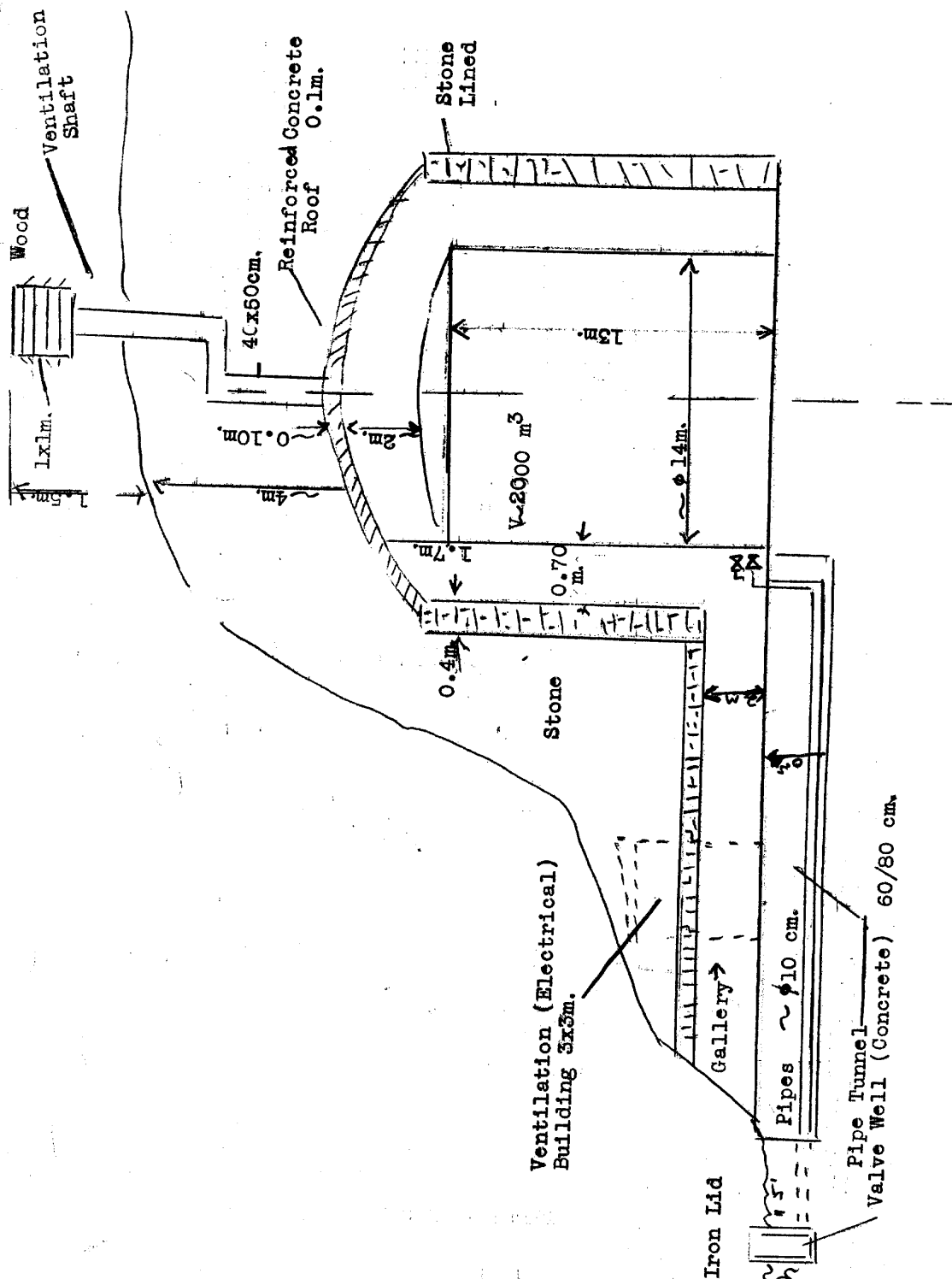
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Enclosure C

Sketch of construction details of an underground cistern based on the original plans shown at the construction site.

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